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GIPSA Settles a Case with California Fats & Feeders, Inc. Resulting in a \$750 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, 2015 – California Fats & Feeders, Inc., Oakdale, Calif., waived its right to a hearing, and accepted a stipulation agreement, under protest, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). California Fats & Feeders, Inc., agreed to pay a penalty of \$750 after GIPSA found that it failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases in violation of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the P&S Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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